

2004 Legislative Digest

(1) ACCOUNTANCY, BOARD OF

AB 2150
Levine

Accountancy: Disciplinary Proceedings

Enacted
Chapter 583

Allows the executive officer of the California Board of Accountancy (Board) to request an administrative law judge to direct a licensee, who has been found to have committed a violation(s), to pay the Board all reasonable costs of investigation and prosecution of the case.

SB 1543
Figueroa

California Board of Accountancy: Tax Preparers

Enacted
Chapter 921

Implements various recommendations of the Joint Committee on Boards, Commissions and Consumer Protection regarding the investigation and prosecution of disciplinary actions by the Accountancy Board (Board), and extends the Board's sunset date.

(2) ACUPUNCTURE BOARD

SB 136
Figueroa

Professions and Commissions: Acupuncturists

Enacted
Chapter 909

Implements changes recommended by the Joint Committee on Boards, Commissions and Consumer Protection relating to several regulatory boards under the purview of the Department of Consumer Affairs. These changes relate to examinations, sunset dates and other technical clarifying amendments.

(3) ARCHITECTS BOARD

SB 1549
Figueroa

Professions and Vocations: Architects

Enacted
Chapter 691

Implements the recommendations of the Joint Committee on Boards, Commissions and Consumer Protection for California Architects Board, Landscape Architects Technical Committee, State Athletic Commission, and the Board for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors. Modifies the license fees or scope of practice for the Osteopathic Medical Board and the Board of Podiatric Medicine. Also extends the sunset date for the Court Reporters Board's Transcript Reimbursement fund and provisions governing interior designers.

(4) ATHLETIC COMMISSION

AB 1074
Chavez

Boxers: Examinations

Vetoed

Would have required a boxer who is suspended for 30 days for his or her medical protection due to, including but not limited to, a hard fight; knockout; technical knockout decision; or any serious injury; to take a neurological examination, unless otherwise directed by the State Athletic Commission. Also would have provided that the physician or surgeon conducting the examination may require other diagnostic procedures that include an electroencephalogram, CAT scan, or a MRI examination as considered necessary by the physician or surgeon.

SB 1549
Figueroa

Professions and Vocations: Athletic Commission

Enacted
Chapter 691

Implements the recommendations of the Joint Committee on Boards, Commissions and Consumer Protection for California Architects Board, Landscape Architects Technical Committee, State Athletic Commission, and the Board for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors. Modifies the license fees or scope of practice for the Osteopathic Medical Board and the Board of Podiatric Medicine. Also extends the sunset date for the Court Reporters Board's Transcript Reimbursement fund and provisions governing interior designers.

(5) AUTOMOTIVE REPAIR, BUREAU OF

AB 541
Benoit

Smog Check Repairs at Test-Only Stations

Died in
Senate
Transportatio
n Committe

Would have allowed smog check technicians to perform specified repairs at test-only stations in smog check enhanced areas.

AB 970
Correa

Automotive Repair Regulations

Died in
Senate
Business &
Professions
Committee

Would have provided that the Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs may adopt and enforce rules and regulations determined as reasonably necessary to promote a fair, healthy, and competitive automotive repair marketplace for the consumer.

AB 1079
Bermudez

Automotive Repair Authorization

Enacted
Chapter 874

Defines the term "customer" for purposes of the Automotive Repair Act and authorizes a customer to designate persons to authorize repair work.

AB 2104
Committee
on Budget

Smog Check Abatement Fee

Enacted
Chapter 702

Among other changes, this budget trailer bill makes technical corrections to ensure that the \$6 Smog Check Abatement Fee level remains in effect until January 1, 2005 and that the increase to \$12 takes effect on January 1, 2005.

AB 2128 Jackson	<u>Smog Check: Consumer Assistance Program</u>	Enacted Chapter 703
	Increases the funding for the Consumer Assistance Program, which gives cash incentives to vehicle owners who voluntarily retire and or repair their vehicles that fail smog check.	
AB 2683 Lieber	<u>Smog Check: Rolling Exemption</u>	Enacted Chapter 704
	Repeals the 30-year rolling exemption and instead applies the smog check exemption strictly to vehicles manufactured prior to the 1976 model year.	
AB 2939 Diaz	<u>Smog Check Mitigation Fee</u>	Died In Assembly Labor and Employment Committee
	Would have exempted from the smog check program any motor vehicle that is six or less model-years old, but would have subjected those motor vehicles to program coverage upon transfer of ownership. Would have required the owners of those vehicles exempted from the smog check program to pay an annual smog mitigation fee of \$7 in addition to the \$4 smog abatement fee at the time of registration. Also would have required the State Air Resources Board to utilize the revenues resulting from the imposition of the smog mitigation fee to develop and implement the most cost-effective mobile source emission reduction programs, as determined by the state board.	
SB 1107 Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review	<u>Smog Check: Model-Year Exemption</u>	Enacted Chapter 230
	Among other changes, this budget trailer bill deletes the current exemption from the smog check program for new vehicles that are four model-years old or newer. It replaces the current exemption with an exemption of vehicles that are up to six model-years old. It delays the effective date of the six model-year exemption and fee increase until January 1, 2005. The provision in this urgency bill took effect immediately.	
SB 1542 Figueroa	<u>Bureau of Automotive Repair: Sunset Review</u>	Enacted Chapter 572
	Establishes a "sunset review" process every four years for the Bureau of Automotive Repair (Bureau). Requires the appointment of an Administration and Enforcement Monitor (Monitor) for two years. The Monitor will review and evaluate the Bureau's disciplinary system and procedures of the enforcement program. Requires mandatory advisory signs in automotive repair shops to include the Bureau's Internet address.	
SB 1615 Denham	<u>Smog Check Exemptions: Out-of-State Vehicles</u>	Enacted Chapter 701
	Exempts out-of-state vehicles that are more than 30 years old from smog check requirements when registered in California.	

(6) BARBERING & COSMETOLOGY BOARD

AB 2168
Correa

Barbering and Cosmetology: Instructors

Vetoed

Would have extended the provisions authorizing the Board of Barbering and Cosmetology to issue and renew cosmetology instructor and barber instructor licenses until January 1, 2006 and reinstated specified licensing fees.

AB 2193
Nation

Tanning Facilities: Minors

Enacted
Chapter 758

Prohibits persons under 14 years of age from using tanning devices and provides for specific civil penalties to enhance enforcement.

(7) BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES, BOARD OF

AB 2182
Koretz

Minors: Consent to Counseling

Enacted
Chapter 59

Adds registered marriage and family therapist interns, associate clinical social workers and psychology assistants among those "professional persons" who may diagnose and treat a drug or alcohol problem of a consenting child 12 years of age or older.

AB 2552
Leno

Marriage and Family Therapy

Enacted
Chapter 204

Makes clarifying changes to the statutes governing licensure as a marriage and family therapist (MFT) regarding scope of practice and supervision of MFT interns.

SB 136
Figueroa

Professions and Commissions: Behavioral Sciences

Enacted
Chapter 909

Implements changes recommended by the Joint Committee on Boards, Commissions and Consumer Protection relating to several regulatory boards under the purview of the Department of Consumer Affairs. These changes relate to examinations, sunset dates and other technical clarifying amendments.

SB 1853
Perata

Clinical Social Work

Failed
Passage on
Assembly
Floor

Would have modified the definitions of the "practice of clinical social work" and "psychotherapy" in relation to licensed clinical social workers.

SB 1913
Committee
on Business
and
Professions

Healthcare Professions: DCA Health Omnibus

Enacted
Chapter 695

Makes conforming and non-controversial changes to provisions relating to various health regulatory boards under the purview of the Department of Consumer Affairs.

(8) CEMETERY & FUNERAL BUREAU

AB 95
Dymally

Cemeteries: Endowment Care Fund

Vetoed

Would have raised the minimum amount required to be deposited into a cemetery's endowment care fund. This bill declares that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute if Chaptered.

AB 548
Calderon

Funeral Directors and Embalmers: Examinations

**Withdrawn by
Author**

Would have required applicants for licensure as funeral embalmers to pass the National Examination for Embalmers prepared by the Conference of Funeral Service Examining Board instead of the state examination administered by the Cemetery and Funeral Bureau.

AB 2004
**Committee
on Business
and
Professions**

Funeral Directors and Embalmers: Students

**Enacted
Chapter 531**

Authorizes students in a program accredited by the American Board of Funeral Service Education to embalm human remains in a licensed funeral establishment under a licensed embalmer's supervision.

AB 2811
Runner

Human Remains: Disposition

**Enacted
Chapter 307**

Adds a decedent's surviving competent adult siblings to the list of persons authorized to control his or her remains and provide that if the authorized person fails to act or cannot be found after a reasonable inquiry within a specific time following death, the right to control is passed automatically to the next degree of kinship.

(9) CONTRACTORS STATE LICENSE BOARD

AB 1567
Correa

Peace Officers

**Died in Senate
Appropriation
s
Committee**

Would have deleted the prohibition on carrying firearms by peace officers employed by the Contractors' State License Board.

AB 2216
Nakanishi

Contractors: Notification Requirements

**Enacted
Chapter 586**

Requires the Contractors' State License Board and its licensees to meet certain notification requirements regarding crimes and violations committed by these licensees. Failure to comply with these requirements constitutes disciplinary action against the licensee. Also establishes a time frame within which a denied applicant can reapply for a license.

SB 30
Figueroa

Home Improvement Contracts

**Enacted
Chapter 566**

Requires home improvement and service & repair contracts and any changes to them be in writing, legible, easy to understand and inform a consumer of his or her right to cancel or rescind the contract. The contract contains consumer protection provisions that require the contract to contain various information, notices and disclosures.

SB 136
Figueroa

Professions and Commissions: Contractors

Enacted
Chapter 909

Implements changes recommended by the Joint Committee on Boards, Commissions and Consumer Protection relating to several regulatory boards under the purview of the Department of Consumer Affairs. These changes relate to examinations, sunset dates and other technical clarifying amendments.

SB 1914
Committee
on Business
and
Professions

Licensure & Regulation: Contractors

Enacted
Chapter 865

Makes several non-controversial, minor, non-substantive or technical changes to various miscellaneous provisions pertaining to several of the regulatory boards under the purview of the Department of Consumer Affairs.

(10) COURT REPORTERS BOARD

SB 1549
Figueroa

Professions and Vocations: Court Reporters

Enacted
Chapter 691

Implements the recommendations of the Joint Committee on Boards, Commissions and Consumer Protection for California Architects Board, Landscape Architects Technical Committee, State Athletic Commission, and the Board for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors. Modifies the license fees or scope of practice for the Osteopathic Medical Board and the Board of Podiatric Medicine. Also extends the sunset date for the Court Reporters Board's Transcript Reimbursement fund and provisions governing interior designers.

SB 1914
Committee
on Business
and
Professions

Licensure & Regulation: Court Reporters

Enacted
Chapter 865

Makes several non-controversial, minor, non-substantive or technical changes to various miscellaneous provisions pertaining to several of the regulatory boards under the purview of the Department of Consumer Affairs.

(11) DENTAL BOARD / DENTAL AUXILIARIES

AB 539
Laird

Dentistry: Dental Hygienists

Enacted
Chapter 294

Requires the Dental Board of California to license, on a temporary basis, a third- or fourth- year dental student as a registered dental hygienist for a limited, non-renewal term of two years. The student must be in good standing in an accredited California dental school, may only work in a dental practice that serves patients insured under government programs or has a sliding scale fee system based on income. This licensing program sunsets on January 1, 2009.

AB 1467 Laird	<u>Dentist Licensure Requirements</u> Reestablishes from December 31, 2008, until January 1, 2009, the licensure requirements for graduates of unapproved foreign dental schools, including the passage of the prerequisite restorative technique examination. Changes the name of the Joint Legislative Sunset Review Committee to the Joint Committee on Boards, Commissions, and Consumer Protection. The provision in this urgency bill took effect immediately.	Enacted Chapter 33
AB 2056 Aghazarian	<u>Dentistry</u> Provides for a "statute of limitations" for accusations brought against Dental Board licensees. Also, updates the definition of unprofessional conduct, adds to the punishment of practicing dentistry without a license a fine of up to \$10,000, and makes it a crime to conspire with or aid and abet another in the unlicensed practice of dentistry.	Enacted Chapter 447
AB 2390 Reyes	<u>Dentistry: Clinics</u> Allows certain clinics to provide dental services in their mobile service vans or in dental vans they own and exempts them from practicing unlicensed dentistry. Also allows these clinics to employ dentists and dental assistants and charge for their services.	Enacted Chapter 347
AB 2835 Plescia	<u>Insurance Fraud: Dentists</u> Makes it a cause for suspension or revocation of a license for a healthcare professional to solicit, accept, or refer a person with the intent to commit fraud.	Enacted Chapter 333
AB 3023 Matthews	<u>Reporting Disciplinary Actions: Dentists</u> Requires various health-related boards within the Department of Consumer Affairs and the Board of Chiropractic Examiners to report to the Department of Health Services the name and license number of a person whose license has been revoked, suspended, surrendered, made inactive, or placed in any other category which prohibits a licensee from practicing.	Enacted Chapter 351
SB 136 Figueroa	<u>Professions and Commissions: Dentists</u> Implements changes recommended by the Joint Committee on Boards, Commissions and Consumer Protection relating to several regulatory boards under the purview of the Department of Consumer Affairs. These changes relate to examinations, sunset dates and other technical clarifying amendments.	Enacted Chapter 909

SB 928
Aanestad

Dentistry: Licensure-by-Credential Program

Enacted
Chapter 464

Makes modifications to the Dental Board's Licensure-by-Credential Program which will require the applicant to show proof that he or she has been in active practice for a total of at least 5,000 hours in five of the seven consecutive years immediately preceding the date of his or her application. Excludes from the unlicensed practice of dentistry certain non-profit entities that own or manage places where dental services are provided and allows these entities to own and operate a dental clinic or mobile service van.

SB 1336
Burton

Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery

Vetoed

Would have authorized the Dental Board of California to issue a permit to a qualified Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon (OMS) to allow the OMS to perform elective cosmetic surgery on the maxillofacial area that is consistent with the scope of practice of an OMS as contained in existing law.

SB 1546
Figueroa

Dentistry: Sunset Review

Enacted
Chapter 667

Implements recommendations by the Joint Committee on Boards, Commissions and Consumer Protection to extend the Dental Board's (Board) repeal and sunset date to January 1, 2007. Places into statute the scope of practice for dental assistants, including educational requirements. Adds the following specialty assistant categories: registered orthodontic assistant, registered surgery assistant, registered restorative assistant and registered restorative assistant in extended functions. Also requires eligible dentists from Mexico to enroll in and satisfactorily complete a Board-approved infection control guidelines course taught by an approved foreign dental school.

SB 1865
Aanestad

Dentists: Licensing Examinations

Enacted
Chapter 670

Requires an applicant to receive a passing score in a clinical examination developed and administered by the Dental Board (Board) or the Western Regional Examining Board (WREB). Authorizes the Board to examine an approved applicant who has not graduated from a reputable Dental Board-approved dental school, and requires the dean of these schools to furnish satisfactory proof that the applicant will graduate within one year of the date the exam is administered. Eliminates current reporting requirements for the Board, and instead, requires it to report on the pass rates of the WREB clinical examination applicants.

This report is due as part of the Dental Boards next scheduled sunset review to the Joint Committee on Boards, Commissions and Consumer Protection. The provision in this **urgency** bill took effect immediately.

(12) ELECTRONIC & APPLIANCE REPAIR, BUREAU OF

AB 2723
Laird

Consumer Service and Repair Warranties

Enacted
Chapter 331

Requires manufacturers of consumer goods sold in California to replace and install or reimburse consumers if the goods cannot be serviced or repaired due to the method of installation. It exempts new homes from the requirement to replace or reimburse if the goods cannot be serviced or repaired due to the method of installation or the goods becoming affixed to real property, under certain, specified circumstances.

(13) ENGINEERS & LAND SURVEYORS, BOARD FOR PROFESSIONAL

SB 1547
Figueroa

Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors: Sunset Review

Died on
Assembly
Inactive File

Would have extended the sunset date for the Board for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors to July 1, 2006 and granted fingerprinting authority to conduct criminal background checks on applicants. Also would have required licensees to report specified criminal activity and civil actions and provided for a process for reviewing disciplinary actions taken. These provisions were later deleted and added into SB 1549.

SB 1549
Figueroa

Professions and Vocations: Engineers

Enacted
Chapter 691

Implements the recommendations of the Joint Committee on Boards, Commissions and Consumer Protection for California Architects Board, Landscape Architects Technical Committee, State Athletic Commission, and the Board for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors. Modifies the license fees or scope of practice for the Osteopathic Medical Board and the Board of Podiatric Medicine. Also extends the sunset date for the Court Reporters Board's Transcript Reimbursement fund and provisions governing interior designers.

SB 1914
Committee
on Business
and
Professions

Licensure & Regulation: Engineers

Enacted
Chapter 865

Makes several non-controversial, minor, non-substantive or technical changes to various miscellaneous provisions pertaining to several of the regulatory boards under the purview of the Department of Consumer Affairs.

(14) GEOLOGISTS & GEOPHYSICISTS, BOARD

SB 1914
Committee
on Business
and
Professions

Licensure & Regulation: Geologists

Enacted
Chapter 865

Makes several non-controversial, minor, non-substantive or technical changes to various miscellaneous provisions pertaining to several of the regulatory boards under the purview of the Department of Consumer Affairs.

(15) GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND, STATE BOARD OF

No bills introduced in the 2004 legislative session.

(16) HEARING AID DISPENSERS BUREAU

No bills introduced in the 2004 legislative session.

(17) HOME FURNISHINGS & THERMAL INSULATION, BUREAU

No bills introduced in the 2004 legislative session.

(18) LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

SB 1549
Figueroa

Professions and Vocations: Landscape Architects

Enacted
Chapter 691

Implements the recommendations of the Joint Committee on Boards, Commissions and Consumer Protection for California Architects Board, Landscape Architects Technical Committee, State Athletic Commission, and the Board for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors. Modifies the license fees or scope of practice for the Osteopathic Medical Board and the Board of Podiatric Medicine. Also extends the sunset date for the Court Reporters Board's Transcript Reimbursement fund and provisions governing interior designers.

SB 1914
Committee
on Business
and
Professions

Licensure & Regulation: Landscape Architects

Enacted
Chapter 865

Makes several non-controversial, minor, non-substantive or technical changes to various miscellaneous provisions pertaining to several of the regulatory boards under the purview of the Department of Consumer Affairs.

(19) MEDICAL BOARD

AB 262
Chan

Pharmacies: Physician Prescribing Data

Died on
Assembly
floor

Would have prohibited the transmitting, selling, or releasing to a third party in exchange for remuneration, any prescribing data of a physician who has placed his or her name on a "DO NOT USE" list to be created and maintained by the Medical Board.

AB 1403
Nunez

Steven M. Thompson Physician Corps Loan Repayment Program

Enacted
Chapter 367

Memorializes Steven M. Thompson by renaming the California Physician Corps Loan Repayment Program in his honor.

AB 1975
Bermudez

Physicians and Surgeons: Registered Sex Offenders

Enacted
Chapter 756

Requires the Medical Board of California, the Board of Podiatric Medicine, and the Osteopathic Medical Board to promptly revoke the license of any person required to register as a sex offender on or after January 1, 1947.

AB 2125 Levine	<u>Prescriptions: Requisite Information</u>	Withdrawn by Author
	Would have required a physician and surgeon, unless directed otherwise by the patient, to indicate the patient's diagnosis on each prescription. Would have also required a pharmacist to include this information on the prescription label, unless directed otherwise by the patient.	
AB 2547 Lowenthal	<u>Physician and Surgeon Reporting of Medical Conditions to DMV</u>	Withdrawn by Author
	Would have deleted the provision that a physician and surgeon must report to the local health officer any patient diagnosed with a disorder that may cause a lapse in consciousness. Would have made it <u>voluntary</u> for physicians and surgeons to report in writing to the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) every patient 14 years or older, diagnosed with a lapse of consciousness disorder. Would have continued to require physicians to report patients diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease or another dementia disorder. Would have required drivers to <u>self-report</u> to DMV when they have a disorder that may cause them to lose consciousness.	
AB 2626	<u>Physician Assistants: Schedule II Drugs</u>	Enacted Chapter 452
	Changes the requirements for physician assistants (PA) issuing drug orders by requiring the supervising physician and surgeon to review, countersign, and date the medical record of a patient cared for by a PA only when a Schedule II drug order has been issued by the PA.	
AB 2835 Plescia	<u>Insurance Fraud: Physicians & Surgeons</u>	Enacted Chapter 333
	Makes it a cause for suspension or revocation of a license for a healthcare professional to solicit, accept, or refer a person with the intent to commit fraud.	
AB 3023 Matthews	<u>Reporting Disciplinary Actions: Physicians & Surgeons</u>	Enacted Chapter 351
	Requires various health-related boards within the Department of Consumer Affairs and the Board of Chiropractic Examiners to report to the Department of Health Services the name and license number of a person whose license has been revoked, suspended, surrendered, made inactive, or placed in any other category which prohibits a licensee from practicing.	
SB 136 Figueroa	<u>Professions and commissions: Medial Board</u>	Enacted Chapter 909
	Implements changes recommended by the Joint Committee on Boards, Commissions and Consumer Protection relating to several regulatory boards under the purview of the Department of Consumer Affairs. These changes relate to examinations, sunset dates and other technical clarifying amendments.	
SB 1325 Kuehl	<u>Hospitals: Self-Governance</u>	Enacted Chapter 699
	Requires the medical staff's right to self-governance in a hospital to include specified requirements in establishing medical staff bylaws, and makes numerous legislative findings and declarations regarding the responsibilities of the medical staff and the hospital governing board.	

SB 1336 Burton	<u>Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery</u>	Vetoed
	Would have authorized the Dental Board to issue a permit to a qualified Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeon (OMS) to allow the OMS to perform elective cosmetic surgery on the maxillofacial area that is consistent with the scope of practice of an OMS as contained in existing law.	
SB 1341 Kuehl	<u>Telemedicine: Definition</u>	Vetoed
	Would have expanded the definition of telemedicine to include asynchronous "store-and-forward" teledermatology and teleophthalmology services with the intent that such services would also be reimbursable under Medi-Cal and private health care plans, and limited those services to board certified dermatologists and ophthalmologists.	
SB 1456 Kuehl	<u>Hospitals: Self-Governance: Clean-up</u>	Enacted Chapter 848
	Cleans up SB 1325 (Kuehl) which requires the medical staff's right to self-governance in a hospital to include specified requirements in establishing medical staff bylaws, and makes numerous legislative findings and declarations regarding the responsibilities of the medical staff and the hospital governing board. Identical to SB 1325 except that it includes a provision relating to physicians in the University of California system.	
SB 1691 Vasconcellos	<u>Alternative or Complementary Medicine</u>	Enacted Chapter 742
	Provides that a licensed physician is not subject to discipline solely on the basis that the physician's treatment or advice is "alternative or complementary medicine," if specified conditions are satisfied.	
SB 1782 Aanestad	<u>Medical Crimes: Investigation and Prosecution</u>	Enacted Chapter 864
	States that it is the intent of the Legislature that the Attorney General, in conjunction with specified law enforcement entities and medical organizations, develop protocols for interagency investigations regarding the prescription of pain medication. Specifies that the protocols be designed to facilitate communication between medical providers and law enforcement authorities.	
SB 1913 Committee on Business and Professions	<u>Healthcare Professions: DCA Health Omnibus</u>	Enacted Chapter 695
	Makes conforming and non-controversial changes to provisions relating to various health regulatory boards under the purview of the Department of Consumer Affairs.	

(20) NATUROPATHIC MEDICINE

No bill introduced in the 2004 legislative session.

(21) OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY, BOARD OF

SB 136
Figueroa

Professions and Commissions: Occupational Therapy

Enacted
Chapter 909

Implements changes recommended by the Joint Committee on Boards, Commissions and Consumer Protection relating to several regulatory boards under the purview of the Department of Consumer Affairs. These changes relate to examinations, sunset dates and other technical clarifying amendments.

SB 1913
Committee
on Business
and
Professions

Healthcare Professions: DCA Health Omnibus

Enacted
Chapter 695

Makes conforming and non-controversial changes to provisions relating to various Health regulatory boards under the purview of the Department of Consumer Affairs.

(22) OFFICE OF PRIVACY PROTECTION

AB 567
Simitian

Unsolicited Electronic Mail Advertisements: Recovery

Withdrawn
by Author

Would have allowed any person who receives an unsolicited electronic mail advertisement to bring action against the person or entity who initiated it to recover actual damages or \$1,000, whichever is greater, for each violation.

AB 1950
Wiggins

Privacy: Personal Information

Enacted
Chapter 877

Requires businesses that own or license personal information to implement and maintain reasonable security procedures and practices to protect the information from unauthorized access, destruction, use, modification, or disclosure. Requires a business that discloses personal information about a California resident, pursuant to a contract with a nonaffiliated third party, to require by contract that the third party implement and maintain reasonable security procedures and practices appropriate to the nature of the information, and to protect the personal information from unauthorized access, destruction, use, modification, or disclosure.

AB 2521
Nation

Public Records: Coroner's Reports

Died in Senate
Appropriations
Committee

Would have required that a coroner's report should only be provided to individuals who request the information pursuant to the California Public Records Act and only if the coroner complied with specified requirements upon receipt of that request.

AB 2787
Murray

Consumer Protection Against Computer Spyware Act

Died in
Senate
Judiciary
Committee

Would have enacted the Consumer Protection Against Computer Spyware Act to prohibit a person or entity conducting business in California from knowingly causing a computer program to be copied onto the computer of a California consumer and using the program to perform certain acts relating to altering, taking control of, or damaging, the computer or the consumer's Internet access or use.

AB 3016 Pavley	<u>Privacy: Social Security Numbers</u>	Enacted Chapter 282
	Removes the exemption in current law which permits the continuing use of an individual's Social Security Number as an identifier for those numbers in use in the private sector prior to July 1, 2002, or in use in the public sector prior to January 1, 2004.	
SB 58 Johnson	<u>Police Reports: Confidentiality</u>	Enacted Chapter 507
	Requires the district attorney and courts, in consultation with local law enforcement agencies, to establish a procedure to protect confidential personal information about a victim or witness contained in a police report, arrest report, or investigative report submitted to the court in support of a case.	
SB 1436 Murray	<u>Consumer Protection Against Computer Spyware Act</u>	Enacted Chapter 843
	Enacts the Consumer Protection Against Computer Spyware Act, which prohibits an unauthorized person or entity from installing software on a consumer's computer that would 1) take over control of the computer; 2) modify its security settings; 3) collect the user's personally identifiable information; 4) interfere with its own removal; or 5) otherwise deceive the authorized user.	
SB 1451 Figueroa	<u>Privacy Guarantees</u>	Vetoed
	Would have prohibited a person who received certain, specified, protected information from sharing or otherwise disclosing the information in a manner that would be prohibited as specified.	
SB 1457 Murray	<u>Privacy: Spam</u>	Enacted Chapter 571
	Clarifies the provisions of California's anti-spam law enacted by SB 186 (Murray, Chapter 487, Statute of 2003) that were not preempted by last year's federal CAN-SPAM Act (S. 877 of 2003). Also ensures that recipients of falsified e-mails, as well as Internet service providers and the Attorney General, have the right of action against the senders for damages, attorney's fees and court costs provided in existing state law.	
SB 1492 Dunn	<u>Privacy: Confidential Health Information</u>	Vetoed
	Would have prohibited a "health care business" from transmitting a consumer's individually identifiable health information outside of the United States without his/her written consent.	
SB 1590 Dunn	<u>Public Records: Employee Personal Information</u>	Enacted Chapter 922
	Exempts from disclosure under the California Public Records Act personal information collected by the Department of Health Services, Department of Managed Health Care, and the Department of Consumer Affairs regarding any person working for a reproductive health service facility.	

SB 1633
Figueroa

Privacy: Medical Information

Enacted
Chapter 861

Prohibits a business, unless specifically exempted, from seeking to obtain medical information directly from a consumer, for direct marketing purposes, without clearly and conspicuously disclosing how the information will be used and obtaining the consumer's consent.

SB 1834
Bowen

Privacy: Radio Frequency Identification Tags

Failed in
Senate
Business and
Professions
Committee.

Would have established privacy protection standards for radio frequency identification tags used by private entities and libraries to gather, store, use, or share personal information about consumers by establishing specific conditions and criteria for their use.

(23) OPTOMETRY, BOARD OF

AB 2464
Pacheco

Optometry: Technical Clean-Up

Enacted
Chapter 426

Makes technical, clarifying changes to the laws governing the Board of Optometry.

AB 2835
Plescia

Insurance Fraud: Optometrists

Enacted
Chapter 333

Makes it a cause for suspension or revocation of a license for a healthcare professional to solicit, accept, or refer a person with the intent to commit fraud.

AB 3023
Matthews

Reporting Disciplinary Actions: Optometrists

Enacted
Chapter 351

Requires various health-related boards within the Department of Consumer Affairs and the Board of Chiropractic Examiners to report to the Department of Health Services the name and license number of a person whose license has been revoked, suspended, surrendered, made inactive, or placed in any other category which prohibits a licensee from practicing.

SB 136
Figueroa

Professions and commissions: Optometry

Enacted
Chapter 909

Implements changes recommended by the Joint Committee on Boards, Commissions and Consumer Protection relating to several regulatory boards under the purview of the Department of Consumer Affairs. These changes relate to examinations, sunset dates and other technical clarifying amendments.

SB 1341
Kuehl

Telemedicine: Definition

Vetoed

Would have expanded the definition of telemedicine to include asynchronous "store-and-forward" teledermatology and teleophthalmology services with the intent that such services would also be reimbursable under Medi-Cal and private health care plans, and limited those services to board certified dermatologists and ophthalmologists.

(24) OSTEOPATHIC MEDICAL BOARD

AB 1975 Bermudez	<u>Physicians and Surgeons: Registered Sex Offenders</u> Requires the Medical Board of California, the Board of Podiatric Medicine, and the Osteopathic Medical Board to promptly revoke the license of any person required to register as a sex offender on or after January 1, 1947.	Enacted Chapter 756
AB 2654 Matthews	<u>Osteopathic Physicians: Technical Clean-up</u> Would have eliminated obsolete references to the Osteopathic Medical Act in provisions of law relating to license revocation for Medi-Cal fraud.	Held @ Senate Desk
AB 2835 Plescia	<u>Insurance Fraud: Osteopathic Physicians</u> Makes it a cause for suspension or revocation of a license for a healthcare professional to solicit, accept, or refer a person with the intent to commit fraud.	Enacted Chapter 333
AB 3023 Matthews	<u>Reporting Disciplinary Actions: Osteopathic Physicians</u> Requires various health-related boards within the Department of Consumer Affairs and the Board of Chiropractic Examiners to report to the Department of Health Services the name and license number of a person whose license has been revoked, suspended, surrendered, made inactive, or placed in any other category which prohibits a licensee from practicing.	Enacted Chapter 351
SB 1325 Kuehl	<u>Hospitals: Self-Governance</u> Requires the medical staff's right to self-governance in a hospital to include specified requirements in establishing medical staff bylaws, and makes numerous legislative findings and declarations regarding the responsibilities of the medical staff and the hospital governing board.	Enacted Chapter 699
SB 1341 Kuehl	<u>Telemedicine: Definition</u> Would have expanded the definition of telemedicine to include asynchronous "store-and-forward" teledermatology and teleophthalmology services with the intent that such services would also be reimbursable under Medi-Cal and private health care plans, and limited those services to board certified dermatologists and ophthalmologists.	Vetoed
SB 1456 Kuehl	<u>Hospitals: Self-Governance: Clean-up</u> Cleans up SB 1325 (Kuehl) which requires the medical staff's right to self-governance in a hospital to include specified requirements in establishing medical staff bylaws, and makes numerous legislative findings and declarations regarding the responsibilities of the medical staff and the hospital governing board. Identical to SB 1325 except that it includes a provision relating to physicians in the University of California system.	Enacted Chapter 848

SB 1549
Figueroa

Professions and Vocations: Osteopathic Physicians

Enacted
Chapter 691

Implements the recommendations of the Joint Committee on Boards, Commissions and Consumer Protection for California Architects Board, Landscape Architects Technical Committee, State Athletic Commission, and the Board for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors. Modifies the license fees or scope of practice for the Osteopathic Medical Board and the Board of Podiatric Medicine. Also extends the sunset date for the Court Reporters Board's Transcript Reimbursement fund and provisions governing interior designers.

SB 1782
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Medical Crimes: Investigation and Prosecution

Enacted
Chapter 864

States that it is the intent of the Legislature that the Attorney General, in conjunction with specified law enforcement entities and medical organizations, develop protocols for interagency investigations regarding the prescription of pain medication. Specifies that the protocols be designed to facilitate communication between medical providers and law enforcement authorities.

(25) PHARMACY, BOARD OF

AB 262
Chan

Pharmacies: Physician Prescribing Data

Died on
Assembly
floor

Would have prohibited the transmitting, selling, or releasing to a third party in exchange for remuneration, any prescribing data of a physician who has placed his or her name on a "DO NOT USE" list to be created and maintained by the Medical Board.

AB 2125
Levine

Prescriptions: Requisite Information

Withdrawn by
Author

Would have required a physician and surgeon, unless directed otherwise by the patient, to indicate the patient's diagnosis on each prescription. Would have also required a pharmacist to include this information on the prescription label, unless directed otherwise by the patient.

AB 2184
Plescica

Pharmacy Services: Drug Delivery Systems

Enacted
Chapter 342

Permits a pharmacy to provide pharmacy services to a skilled nursing facility and/or an intermediate care facility through the use of an automated drug delivery system (ADDS) that does not need to be located at the same location as the pharmacy. Allows pharmacy inspectors employed by the Board of Pharmacy to inspect ADDS located in these facilities.

AB 2660
Leno

Prescriptions: Issuance by a Pharmacist

Enacted
Chapter 191

Permits qualified pharmacists to initialize and adjust controlled substance drug therapies in clinical settings. Allows pharmacists to register with the United States Drug Enforcement Agency.

AB 2682
McLeod,
Negrete

Pharmacy: Out-of-State Wholesalers

Enacted
Chapter 887

Requires the Board of Pharmacy to adopt regulations governing out-of-state wholesale prescription drug and device distributors.

AB 2835 Plescia	<u>Insurance Fraud: Pharmacists</u>	Enacted Chapter 333
	Makes it a cause for suspension or revocation of a license for a healthcare professional to solicit, accept, or refer a person with the intent to commit fraud.	
AB 3023 Matthews	<u>Reporting Disciplinary Actions: Pharmacists</u>	Enacted Chapter 351
	Requires various health-related boards within the Department of Consumer Affairs and the Board of Chiropractic Examiners to report to the Department of Health Services the name and license number of a person whose license has been revoked, suspended, surrendered, made inactive, or placed in any other category which prohibits a licensee from practicing.	
SB 1149 Ortiz	<u>Board of Pharmacy: Importation of Canadian Drugs</u>	Vetoed
	Would have required the Board of Pharmacy to develop and disseminate information identifying pharmacy suppliers in Canada that meet and/or violated safety standards. This information would have been maintained on the Board's web site and would have included links to other web sites offering additional information on affordable medications and cost comparisons.	
SB 1159 Vasconcellos	<u>Pharmacies: Hypodermic Needles and Syringes</u>	Enacted Chapter 608
	Establishes the Disease Prevention Demonstration Project (Project) under the Department of Health Services. Allows, for a specified time period, a pharmacist to furnish or sell to a person who is 18 years of age or older up to 10 hypodermic needles or syringes if the pharmacist works for a pharmacy registered with the Project.	
SB 1307 Figueroa	<u>Pharmaceutical Wholesalers and Manufacturers: Licensing</u>	Enacted Chapter 857
	Increases licensing requirements for pharmaceutical wholesalers and manufacturers of dangerous drugs and devices by establishing bonding requirements. Requires all prescription drugs to have a "pedigree," as defined, that track the ownership of drugs from the manufacturer to the pharmacy. Provides the Board of Pharmacy with a stronger distribution system, plus additional enforcement tools for wholesale violations.	
SB 1333 Perata	<u>Pharmacies: Medi-Cal/AIDS Drug Assistance Program</u>	Vetoed
	Would have allowed the Department of Health Services to reimburse a pharmacy that provided to the Medi-Cal and AIDS Drug Assistance Program participants a prescription drug that was purchased from a Canadian pharmacy that met the requirements for licensure by the Board of Pharmacy.	

SB 1563 Escutia	<u>Pharmaceutical Manufacturers: Price Regulation</u>	Vetoed
	Would have added provisions outside the Pharmacy Law requiring a drug manufacturer, effective July 1, 2005, to offer specified types of clinics prices that would not exceed 105% of the discounted prices specified under federal law, with regard to certain controlled substances, dangerous drugs, and dangerous devices.	
SB 1765 Sher	<u>Pharmaceuticals: Marketing Practices</u>	Enacted Chapter 927
	Requires pharmaceutical companies to adopt, in accordance with existing trade guidelines, a Comprehensive Compliance Program to establish an annual dollar limit on gifts, promotional materials, or other items or activities that may be given to health care professionals.	
SB 1913 Committee on Business and Professions	<u>Healthcare Professions: DCA Health Omnibus</u>	Enacted Chapter 695
	Makes conforming and non-controversial changes to provisions relating to various health regulatory boards under the purview of the Department of Consumer Affairs.	

(26) PHYSICAL THERAPY BOARD

SB 1485 Burton	<u>Physical Therapy: Definition</u>	Enacted Chapter 117
	Revises the definition of physical therapy to clarify that the practice of physical therapy includes the promotion and maintenance of health, fitness, and wellness through physical therapy intervention.	

(27) PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT COMMITTEE

AB 2626 Plescia	<u>Physician Assistants: Schedule II Drugs</u>	Enacted Chapter 452
	Changes the requirements for physician assistants (PA) issuing drug orders by requiring the supervising physician and surgeon to review, countersign, and date the medical record of a patient cared for by a PA only when a Schedule II drug order has been issued by the PA.	

(28) PODIATRIC MEDICINE, BOARD OF

AB 932 Koretz	<u>Podiatric Medicine: Scope of Practice</u>	Enacted Chapter 88
	Makes significant changes in the laws governing the practice of podiatry, including deleting the prohibition that a doctor of podiatric medicine cannot perform amputations.	
AB 1975 Bermudez	<u>Physicians and Surgeons: Registered Sex Offenders</u>	Enacted Chapter 756
	Requires the Medical Board of California, the Board of Podiatric Medicine, and the Osteopathic Medical Board to promptly revoke the license of any person required to register as a sex offender on or after January 1, 1947.	

SB 1549
Figueroa

Professions and Vocations: Podtriartists

Enacted
Chapter 691

Implements the recommendations of the Joint Committee on Boards, Commissions and Consumer Protection for California Architects Board, Landscape Architects Technical Committee, State Athletic Commission, and the Board for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors. Modifies the license fees or scope of practice for the Osteopathic Medical Board and the Board of Podiatric Medicine. Also extends the sunset date for the Court Reporters Board's Transcript Reimbursement fund and provisions governing interior designers.

SB 1913
Committee
on Business
and
Professions

Healthcare Professions: DCA Health Omnibus

Enacted
Chapter 695

Makes conforming and non-controversial changes to provisions relating to various Health regulatory boards under the purview of the Department of Consumer Affairs.

(29) PRIVATE POSTSECONDARY & VOCATIONAL EDUCATION, BUREAU
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AB 711
Correa

Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education Reform Act of 1989: Exemptions

Vetoed

Would have exempted educational institutions accredited by specified national accrediting bodies from programmatic and institutional review and approval by the Bureau for Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education.

AB 2457
Goldberg

Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education Reform Act of 1989: Sunset Review

Died on
Senate
Inactive File

Would have extended the sunset date for the Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education Reform Act of 1989 by two and a half years.

SB 136
Figueroa

Professions and Commissions: Private Postsecondary

Enacted
Chapter 909

Implements changes recommended by the Joint Committee on Boards, Commissions and Consumer Protection relating to several regulatory boards under the purview of the Department of Consumer Affairs. These changes relate to examinations, sunset dates and other technical clarifying amendments.

SB 1544
Figueroa

Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education Reform Act of 1989: Sunset Review

Enacted
Chapter 740

Extends the sunset date of the Bureau for Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education (Bureau) and the Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education Reform Act for two and half years to July 1, 2007. Also appropriates \$150,000 to the Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs to contract for the employment of a Monitor to review and evaluate the Bureau's administrative operations, school approval process, applicant review, revenue collection, and complaint and enforcement process.

(30) PSYCHOLOGY, BOARD OF

**AB 2182
Koretz**

Minors: Consent to Counseling

**Enacted
Chapter 59**

Adds registered marriage and family therapist interns, associate clinical social workers and psychology assistants among those "professional persons" who may diagnose and treat a drug or alcohol problem of a consenting child 12 years of age or older.

**AB 2835
Plescia**

Insurance Fraud: Psychologists

**Enacted
Chapter 333**

Makes it a cause for suspension or revocation of a license for a healthcare professional to solicit, accept, or refer a person with the intent to commit fraud.

**AB 3023
Matthews**

Reporting Disciplinary Actions: Psychologists

**Enacted
Chapter 351**

Requires various health-related boards within the Department of Consumer Affairs and the Board of Chiropractic Examiners to report to the Department of Health Services the name and license number of a person whose license has been revoked, suspended, surrendered, made inactive, or placed in any other category which prohibits a licensee from practicing.

**SB 1913
Committee
on Business
and
Professions**

Healthcare Professions: DCA Health Omnibus

**Enacted
Chapter 695**

Makes conforming and non-controversial changes to provisions relating to various Health regulatory boards under the purview of the Department of Consumer Affairs.

(31) REGISTERED NURSING, BOARD OF

**AB 1821
Cohn**

Nursing Workforce Education Investment Act

Vetoed

Would have established in the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development a state nursing contract program with accredited schools and programs that educate and train licensed vocational nurses and registered nurses to increase the supply of nurses in California.

**AB 2177
Jackson**

Nursing Programs: Community Colleges

**Died on
Assembly
Floor**

Would have directed community colleges with nursing education programs to implement merit-based admissions criteria.

**AB 2226
Spitzer**

Nurse Practitioners: Qualification Requirements

**Enacted
Chapter 344**

Requires an applicant for initial certification as a nurse practitioner (NP), who has never been qualified or certified as a NP in California or any other state, to possess a Master's degree in nursing or a related field.

AB 2560 Montanez	<u>Nurse Practitioners: Furnishing Drugs or Devices</u>	Enacted Chapter 205
	Expands the locations and types of conditions for which nurse practitioners can furnish or order prescription drugs or devices under physician protocols.	

AB 2839 Daucher	<u>Nursing Schools: Transfer Agreements</u>	Enacted Chapter 271
	Requires the Board of Registered Nursing to establish a workgroup or use an existing committee to encourage and facilitate efficient transfer agreements between two- and four-year nursing degree programs.	

SB 1245 Kuehl	<u>Nursing: Entry-Level Master's Nursing Programs Act</u>	Enacted Chapter 718
	Creates the Entry Level Master's Nursing Programs Act to among other things, require the Chancellor of the California State University, in consultation with the Board of Registered Nursing, to determine which campuses are eligible for the establishment of entry-level master's programs in nursing.	

(32) RESPIRATORY CARE BOARD

No bills introduced in the 2004 legislative session

(33) SECURITY & INVESTIGATIVE SERVICES, BUREAU OF
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AB 2170 Calderon	<u>Collateral Recovery Act</u>	Enacted Chapter 532
	Makes numerous technical and clarifying changes to the Collateral Recovery Act, which provides for the licensing and regulation of repossessioners by the Bureau of Security and Investigative Services within the Department of Consumer Affairs.	

AB 2507 Maldonado	<u>Private Security Services</u>	Died on Senate Inactive File
	Would have expanded existing law relating to the licensing and regulation of private security services to include non-contract security guards employed exclusively by a private business.	

AB 2562 Bogh	<u>Private Patrol Operators</u>	Died on Assembly Inactive File
	Would have allowed an individual who has been honorably discharged from the military within the last 90 days, to work as a security guard for a private patrol operator prior to the completion of a criminal history background check.	

SB 136 Figueroa	<u>Professions and Commissions: Security & Investigative Services</u>	Enacted Chapter 909
	Implements changes recommended by the Joint Committee on Boards, Commissions and Consumer Protection relating to several regulatory boards under the purview of the Department of Consumer Affairs. These changes relate to examinations, sunset dates and other technical clarifying amendments.	

(34) SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY & AUDIOLOGY BOARD

SB 136
Figueroa **Professions and Commissions: Speech-Language Pathology Therapy and Audiology** **Enacted Chapter 909**

Implements changes recommended by the Joint Committee on Boards, Commissions and Consumer Protection relating to several regulatory boards under the purview of the Department of Consumer Affairs. These changes relate to examinations, sunset dates and other technical clarifying amendments.

SB 1913
Committee on Business and Professions **Healthcare Professions: DCA Health Omnibus** **Enacted Chapter 695**

Makes conforming and non-controversial changes to provisions relating to various Health regulatory boards under the purview of the Department of Consumer Affairs.

(35) STRUCTURAL PEST CONTROL BOARD

AB 1725
Matthews **Structural Pest Control: Violations** **Enacted Chapter 443**

Authorizes the Structural Pest Control Board or a County Agricultural Commissioner to levy a fine of up to \$5,000 for each of the Structural Pest Control Act violations classified as a serious violation. Extends the deadlines for respective parties to appeal suspensions or fines for alleged violations, and specifies that structural pest control operators may perform repairs as a result of a structural pest control inspection within the scope of their license.

(36) SUNSET REVIEW

AB 2457
Goldberg **Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education Reform Act of 1989: Sunset Review** **Died on Senate Inactive File**

Would have extended the sunset date for the Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education Reform Act of 1989 by two and a half years.

SB 136
Figueroa **Professions and commissions: Sunset Review** **Enacted Chapter 909**

Implements changes recommended by the Joint Committee on Boards, Commissions and Consumer Protection relating to several regulatory boards under the purview of the Department of Consumer Affairs. These changes relate to examinations, sunset dates and other technical clarifying amendments.

SB 1542 Figueroa	<u>Bureau of Automotive Repair: Sunset Review</u>	Enacted Chapter 572
	Establishes a "sunset review" process every four years for the Bureau of Automotive Repair (Bureau). Requires the appointment of an Administration and Enforcement Monitor (Monitor) for two years. The Monitor will review and evaluate the Bureau's disciplinary system and procedures of the enforcement program. Requires mandatory advisory signs in automotive repair shops to include the Bureau's Internet address. Also appropriates \$184,000 to the Department of Consumer Affairs to contract for the employment of the Monitor.	
SB 1543 Figueroa	<u>California Board of Accountancy: Tax Preparers</u>	Enacted Chapter 921
	Implements various recommendations of the Joint Committee on Boards, Commissions and Consumer Protection regarding the investigation and prosecution of disciplinary actions by the Accountancy Board (Board), and extends the Board's sunset date.	
SB 1544 Figueroa	<u>Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education Reform Act of 1989: Sunset Review</u>	Enacted Chapter 740
	Extends the sunset date of the Bureau for Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education (Bureau) and the Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education Reform Act for two and half years to July 1, 2007. Also appropriates \$150,000 to the Director of the Department of Consumer Affairs to contract for the employment of a Monitor to review and evaluate the Bureau's administrative operations, school approval process, applicant review, revenue collection, and complaint and enforcement process.	
SB 1546 Figueroa	<u>Dentistry: Sunset Review</u>	Enacted Chapter 667
	Implements recommendations by the Joint Committee on Boards, Commissions and Consumer Protection to extend the Dental Board's (Board) repeal and sunset date to January 1, 2007. Places into statute the scope of practice for dental assistants, including educational requirements. Adds the following specialty assistant categories: registered orthodontic assistant, registered surgery assistant, registered restorative assistant and registered restorative assistant in extended functions. Also requires eligible dentists from Mexico to enroll in and satisfactorily complete a Board-approved infection control guidelines course taught by an approved foreign dental school.	
SB 1547 Figueroa	<u>Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors: Sunset Review</u>	Died on Assembly Inactive File
	Would have extended the sunset date for the Board for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors to July 1, 2006 and granted fingerprinting authority to conduct criminal background checks on applicants. Also would have required licensees to report specified criminal activity and civil actions and provided for a process for reviewing disciplinary actions taken. These provisions were later deleted and added into SB 1549.	

SB 1548
Figueroa

Veterinary Medicine

Enacted
Chapter 467

Extends the operations of the California Veterinary Medical Board until July 1, 2009, and make other related changes.

SB 1549
Figueroa

Professions and Vocations: Sunset Review

Enacted
Chapter 691

Implements the recommendations of the Joint Committee on Boards, Commissions and Consumer Protection for California Architects Board, Landscape Architects Technical Committee, State Athletic Commission, and the Board for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors. Modifies the license fees or scope of practice for the Osteopathic Medical Board and the Board of Podiatric Medicine. Also extends the sunset date for the Court Reporters Board's Transcript Reimbursement fund and provisions governing interior designers.

(37) TELEPHONE MEDICAL ADVICE BUREAU

No bills introduced in the 2004 legislative session

(38) VETERINARY MEDICAL BOARD

SB 1548
Figueroa

Veterinary Medicine

Enacted
Chapter 467

Extends the operations of the California Veterinary Medical Board until July 1, 2009, and make other related changes.

SB 1913
Committee
on Business
and
Professions

Healthcare Professions: DCA Health Omnibus

Enacted
Chapter 695

Makes conforming and non-controversial changes to provisions relating to various Health regulatory boards under the purview of the Department of Consumer Affairs.

(39) VOCATIONAL NURSING & PSYCHIATRIC TECHNICIANS, BOARD OF

AB 1821
Cohn

Nursing Workforce Education Investment Act

Vetoed

Would have established in the Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development a state nursing contract program with accredited schools and programs that educate and train licensed vocational nurses and registered nurses to increase the supply of nurses in California.

AB 2008
Committee
on Business
and
Professions

Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians

Died on
Senate
Inactive File

Would have allowed the Board of Vocational Nursing and Psychiatric Technicians (Board) to approve vocational nursing schools through a site visit or a review of school documents, or both, as determined by the Board.